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Dear Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed 04/18/95 (paper No. 2), having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 07/18/95, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

AMENDMENT A

(37 C.F.R. 1.111)

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c), please amend claim 2 as indicated, i.e., bracketed terms are deleted from the claim and underscored terms are inserted thereinto.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.119, please cancel claim 3 without disclaimer to its content and without prejudice to its subsequent introduction into this or a future patent application.

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1/2. (Once amended) A method of dilating an
[arthroscopic] incision, comprising the steps of: